GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INCIDENTS OF THEFT AT IGIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the number of incidents of theft have recently been increased at the Indira Gandhi International Airport(IGIA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check thefts at the airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The incidents of theft have not increased at IGIA, recently. The details of cases of theft at IGIA during January 2008 to November 2008 are as follows: January`08-2, February`08-2, March`08-6, April`08-2, May`08-2, June`08-2, July`08-2, August`08-2, September`08-4, October`08-3, November`08-1.

(c): All personnel working with Ground Handling Agents are searched by airport security personnel at the Gates while leaving airport. Also surveillance is kept by CISF manually and through CCTV cameras at all major airports. Installation of CCTV is under process at other airports. Airlinels and different agencies operating at Airports have been directed to get police verification report of their employees. Steps taken by Private scheduled airlines:

All loaders are frisked thoroughly before and after the loading, Enhanced vigilance at airports, Loading/unloading of cheked-in baggage under supervision of security/Airports services staff, Automated Baggage Reconciliation System at metros, Extensive training imparted to ramp staff, Establishment of dedicated baggage handling units at Metros, Tally sheet implemented for each flight by some airlines which is handled by well trained staff etc.